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Dearness allowance, etc., for husband and wife in Government service.

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*82 Q.--Begum Sultan MIR AMIRUDDIN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have received any representations about the adverse effect of the Government Order which states that when both the husband and wife are in Government service, only one of them is entitled to draw dearness allowance or war allowance; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to rescind their new order?

The Hon. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "(a) The position is that when both the husband and wife are entitled to dearness allowance, both are allowed to draw it. When one or both are entitled to cost of living (war) allowance, only the allowance at married rates may be drawn by one party.

"A representation was received from the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association under misapprehension that when both the husband and wife are drawing dearness allowance, only one may continue to draw it. This is not correct. The scope of the order is being explained to the Association.

"(b) No".

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-- "May I know, Sir, why in these days of equality, the husband and wife should not be treated as different ~~entries~~ entities and each one of them allowed to draw the full reward of his or her labour?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:- "I do not know whether they should be treated as different ~~entries~~ entities. When they draw less than Rs.200, they are treated as different ~~entries~~ entities. But when they both draw above Rs.200, they are clubbed together."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-- "May I know how the position becomes different in regard to them being separate entries when they both draw above Rs.200?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "When both draw above Rs.200, together they are in a much better position".

H.S.HUSSAIN SAHIB Bahadur:- "Does not the Hon. Minister recognize the economic independence of man and woman equally?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:- "In this matter, we are following the example of the Government of India".

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MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:-- "Arising out of the answer that when both the husband and wife draw above Rs.200, allowance may be drawn by one party only, may I know who gets and who does not get when there is a dispute between them?" (Laughter).

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "If they get a divorce from a Court, both can draw the allowance."

Sri S. NAGARAJA MANIGAR:-- "Is it not necessary that both the husband and wife should live in the same place to draw the allowance?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "We want them to live together."

Sri D.V.RAMASWAMI:-- "May I know whether the Government have not received several representations from affected parties?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "The representations were made under a misapprehension that only one was eligible for the allowance even though each earned less than Rs.200."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-- "As the Hon. Minister might be well aware that in a majority of cases the husband allows his wife to earn only when compelled to do so by force of indigent circumstances, will the Government revise the rule, as it works a great hardship, and treat the husband and wife as separate entities irrespective of the salary they draw?"

The Hon Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "I do not accept the plea that the rule causes hardships to many people. There are not many cases where both the husband and wife draw more than Rs.200. As far as I know, only one lady made an application some time ago".

SINNA KAZIAR HAJI MOULVI S.A.F.IBRAHIM SAHIB Bahadur:- "In the case of long separation, between the husband and wife with the hope of reunion, who will get the allowance, Sir?". (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "As long as they are husband and wife, they will get only the higher rate".

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB Bahadur:-- "May I know from the Hon. Minister whether this rule applies when the husband and wife are in different places?".

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "If specific cases are brought to the notice of the Government, they will consider the matters."

SRI B.S.MURTHI:-- "May I know whether the allowance is granted on a family basis or individual basis?"

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:-- "There are two rates, the married rate at 17½ per cent and the unmarried rate at 7½ per cent."

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The Assembly Question No.265 has been answered on 23-9-1947. - Please see the printed questions and answers on pp.4-5 above. The papers may now be recorded for future reference. The draft submitted is for approval.

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